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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
***29th January* 1869.**

No. 584. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department :—

Madura Road Fund Budget for 1868-69.—Letters from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, on this subject, referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks. } (Here enter 20th January 1869, No. 159.)

No. 585. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1869, No. 292.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 29.
Account.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th January 1869.

Read the following :—

No. 330. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th December 1868, No. 8,582.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1868, No. 253.

1. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th ultimo, No. 6,102, I have the honor to submit a revised Budget for the current Official year 1868-69.

2. It will be observed that the chief cause of the great decrease in the actual receipts of the year under notice below the income estimated (as shewn in the Budget submitted to the Board under date the 9th November last) is the abolition of the License Tax which had been entered in the Budget referred to above as a source of income to the Local Funds in accordance with the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th March 1867, No. 2,018.

3. The estimated amount of Road Cess, Rupees 1,45,000, shewn in column 4 of the Budget, includes the sum of Rupees 45,000, being the probable balance of the Road Cess of the last year expected to be collected in this year.

Road No. 14, between Manaloor and Shevagungah.

4. I further beg to observe, that the work entered in the margin, and alluded to in the Board's Proceedings, dated 28th ultimo, No. 6,178, was commenced and carried out by mistake in the last year, as observed by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 8th April 1867, No. 2,635. The cost of the work has been included in item No. 3, in the enclosed Budget of Disbursement (namely, Rupees 32,387-8-4, excess charges incurred in the last year.) The amount due to Department of Public Works on account of supervision of this work amounts to Rupees 187, and is included in the item of Disbursement No. 13.

5. As the Local Fund works are now vigorously carried on, I request the Board will be pleased to assist me with a loan of 40,000 Rupees from the Imperial Funds, on the understanding that it will be repaid in the next year from the Local Funds. This additional sum, if sanctioned, will enable me to have the roads completed at an early date.

Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2.

Abstract.—Local Fund Budgets, Parts I. and II.

Enclosure No. 3.

Abstract.—Estimate of Local Fund Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending 31st March 1869.

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WITH the foregoing letter, the Collector submits a revised Budget of the Road Fund for 1868-69, the revision being necessitated partly by a miscalculation of the assets, but chiefly by the construction of an expensive road in the previous year without sanction.

2. The miscalculation consisted in including among the expected receipts the proceeds of the License Tax, and in over-estimating the surplus receipts from the Pound Fund. The loss on these two items amounts to Rupees 50,000, but the arrears of Road Cess are expected to amount to Rupees 45,000, so that the net over-estimate is only Rupees 5,000.

3. The work in question is the road between Manaloor and Shevagungah, on which Rupees 18,608 are stated to have been expended without sanction. The Collector states that the work was carried out by mistake. From the "Statement of objectionable items," printed with the Order of Government, dated 3rd July 1868, it appears that the sum in question had been expended up to the 31st March 1868. No estimate has been sanctioned, and the whole proceeding has been highly irregular.

4. The Collector originally estimated the revenue of the year at Rupees 2,07,560, inclusive of a balance at its commencement of Rupees 18,670, and framed his Budget of expenditure accordingly, providing for an expenditure of Rupees 2,06,780. From the Abstract of Estimated Receipts and Charges of the Road Fund, received with the Collector's present letter, the total receipts are expected to amount to Rupees 1,83,800. Instead of a cash balance on hand on the 1st April 1868, there was an excess expenditure of Rupees 32,388 over the assets of 1867-68.

5. Part I. of the Budget contains twenty works, and such as call for special remark are noticed below.

1. Road between Pambar river, at Pariakolum and Pullaputti Junction with Madura road.
2. Road No. 20 between Oosilamputti and Andiputti.

6. The first and second works require only Rupees 1,321 and Rupees 276 beyond the Collector's revised allotments to complete them. It would be undesirable to withhold these small sums, and the Board have therefore added them.

5. Road between Tondi and Tripatore.
6. Do. from Tripatore to Kottampatti.
7. Do. between Kottampatti and Nattam.
8. Do. between Nattam and Dindigul.

7. The fifth work is Imperial, from its junction with the road from Vettanam to Dindigul. The sixth, seventh, and eighth works are sections of the same Imperial line, which appears to have already had Rupees 45,000 spent on it from the Road Fund. The original allotment was Rupees 50,000. The revised assignment is Rupees 17,000, and even this sum can only be made available by deferring works which are indubitably local. If the State on the one hand requires re-payment of Imperial Funds expended on a local work, it cannot on the other, equitably demand that Local Funds shall continue to be spent on an Imperial work.

10. Road from Andiputti to Allinagaram.

8. The allotment for the tenth work has been raised from Rupees 8,000 to Rupees 13,000, as the road is one of great importance and opens up the wealthy Cumbum valley.

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18. Road between Dindigul and Nattam.

9. The eighteenth work forms a portion of item No. 8, namely, the road between Nattam and Dindigul, with an allotment of Rupees 3,000, for expenditure during the current year, and therefore the separate provision of Rupees 756 is unnecessary. It is accordingly omitted from the Budget. The Board have added to the Budget the road from Periakolum through the Cumbum valley with an allotment of Rupees 10,000, and have retained the road from Tirumungalum to Streevallyputtoor with an allotment of Rupees 12,000. The Collector is requested to obtain necessary estimates for these two works from the Superintending Engineer, and submit them for sanction as early as possible. Both are of great importance.

Repairing streets in Cusbah Town.

10. Part II. of the Budget contains eighteen repair works. The sixth work in the list should not have found a place in the Budget, as the streets in the Cusbah Town should be repaired by the Town Municipality. It has accordingly been struck out of the Budget.

Road from Nattam to Madura.
Do. from Chinnamanore to Oottampallayem.

11. The seventh and eighth works need not be shewn in the Budget, as the Collector proposes no allotments for them.

12. In the Abstract Statement of Receipts and Charges of the Road Fund, the following items are entered, but they have been disallowed for reasons stated opposite to each item:—

For Working Establishment, Rupees 3,582. — This sum should be added to the estimated cost of each of the works for which it was sanctioned, and therefore a separate provision need not be made. The necessary additions have been made by the Board in the Budget. This arrangement cancels the sanction, from the Reserve, accorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 9th September 1868, No. 6,415.

Extra establishment for works under Revenue Department, Rupees 300. — This item is disallowed, pending the receipt of the particulars of the establishment required. If it is wanted for the subordinate supervision of works, it should be charged proportionately to the cost of the works.

Miscellaneous charges, Rupees 500. — Disallowed, in the absence of particulars of this item.

Miscellaneous Public Improvements—Repairs to Markets and Pettahs, Rupees 500. — This item should appear in Part II. of the Budget instead of in the Abstract Estimate. The necessary transfer has been made in the Board's Office.

Pettah Establishment under Public Works Department, in accordance with the Board's Procs., dated 26th June 1868, No. 4,721, Rupees 3,000. — The amount sanctioned for the Public Works Executive Range Establishment is Rupees 3,600, and not Rupees 3,000 as stated by the Collector. The correct amount has been inserted in its proper place.

13. With reference to the foregoing alterations, additions, and omissions, the Board have caused Parts I. and II. of the Budget to be revised in their office, an Abstract of which is as follows :—

		RS.
By Public Works Department ...	Original works	82,640
	Repairs	6,300
		88,940
By Revenue Department	Original works	65,590
	Repairs	11,550
		1,66,080
Add—		
Public Works Executive Range Establishment		3,600
Plants and Tools for the Public Works Department		890
Do. for the Revenue Department		770
Establishment on account of Tolls on Roads and Bridges		600
Cost of Public Works Supervision		8,890
Reserve after meeting a portion of the proposed expenditure ...		2,790
		1,83,620

This sum deducted from the available assets of Rupees 1,83,800, leaves a small surplus balance of Rupees 180.

14. The Board request that the early sanction of Government may be accorded to the proposed expenditure of Rupees 1,83,620 as shown above, in supersession of that provided in the Original Budget to the extent of Rupees 2,06,780, which should be considered cancelled.

15. With reference to paragraph 5 of his letter, the Collector is informed that his proposal to apply to Government for a loan of Rupees 40,000 is out of the question, and that he must regulate his operations in strict accordance with the means of the Road Fund.

REVISED PART I.

Original works to be executed out of the District Road Fund at the disposal of the Collector of Madura, for 1868-69.

District.	Number.	Project. Description.	Amount of Estimate.	Computed expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Amount required for 1868-69. By Public Work Department.	By Revenue Department.	Total.	Remarks and References.
			RS.	RS	RS.	RS.	RS.	
MADURA.	1	Road between Pambaur river at Periacolum and Pallumpatty Junction with Madura road.	52,240	46,920	...	5,320	5,320	Item No. 146 of the Original Budget, G. O., R. D., dated 12th Oct. 1865, No. 2,476.
	2	Road No. 20 between Oosslampatty and Andipatty.	22,700	21,820	...	880	880	Do. No. 147 of do. Do. 28th Sept. 1865, No. 2,346.
	3	Pallumpatty Bridge ... ... For subordinate supervision	5,060 153	2,073	3,140	...	3,140	Do. No. 148 of do. Do. 19th Nov. 1866, No. 3,160.
	4	From Tondy to junction with Imperial Line No. XII. (G. O., R. D., 11th November 1868, No. 2,831).	...	...	5,000	...	5,000	Estimate will be submitted.
	5	Imperial Line No. XII. from Vettanum to Dindigul—						
		Road between Vettanum and Tirupattoor. For subordinate supervision	36,780 750	14,999				Item No. 150 of the Original Budget, G. O., R. D., 13th Feb. 1868, No. 413.
		Road between Tirupattoor and Cottamputty For subordinate supervision	26,500 750	10,000				Do. do., No. 151 of do. Do. 12th Dec. 1867, No. 2,961.
		Road between Cottamputty and Nattum... For subordinate supervision	33,000 500	10,000	17,000	...	17,000	Do. do., No. 152 of do. Do. 29th Nov. 1867, No. 2,838.
		Road between Nattum and Dindigul ... For subordinate supervision	19,760 38	9,330				Do. do., No. 153 of do. Do. 29th Nov. 1867, No. 2,838. Do. 20th Sept. 1868, ,, 2,511.
	6	Tirumangalum to Oosslampatty ... ... For subordinate supervision	28,100 750	13,000	15,000	...	15,000	Do. do., No. 154 of do. Do. 29th Nov. 1867, No. 2,838.
	7	Tirumangalum to Streevillipoottoor ...	...	...	12,000	...	12,000	Item No. 156 of do. Estimate will be submitted.
	8	Periacolum through Cumbum and Gudalur to Travancore frontier.	...	...	10,000	...	10,000	Do. do.

Original works to be executed out of the District Road Fund, &c.—(Continued.)

District.	Number.	Project. Description.	Amount of Estimate.	Computed expenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Amount required for 1868-69. By Public Works Department.	Amount required for 1868-69. By Revenue Department.	Amount required for 1868-69. Total.	Remarks and References.
			RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
MADURA.	9	Road between Andipatty and Alunghum.	33,680	9,838	18,000	...	18,000	Item No. 155 of the Original Budget. G. O., R. D., 24th February 1868, No. 513.
	10	Do. do. Shevagunga and Tirupattoor ...	41,050	11,500	...	18,000	18,000	{ Do. do. No. 159 of do. Do. 25th February 1868, No. 519.
	11	Constructing bridge over Manjalar river...	7,390	} 7,010	400	...	} 2,000	G. O., R. D., 1st April 1868, No. 851.
		For subordinate supervision	19					
	12	Do. do. Vencatadricottah river... ...	6,700	} 5,181	1,[illegible]00	...		
		For subordinate supervision	82					
	13	Road between Dindigul and Caroor ...	15,500	...	...	5,000	5,000	Do. 21st September 1868, No. 2,445.
	14	Road between Dindigul and Butlagoondoo.	...	...	...	3,000	3,000	Estimate will be submitted.
	15	Petty new works	...	...	[illegible]00	1,000	1,500	Item No. 149 of the Original Budget.
	16	Excess expenditure incurred in 1867-68 to be made good this year.	...	32,390*	...	32,390	32,390	
			...	...	82,[illegible]40	65,590	1,48,230	

* This amount includes the sum of Rupees 18,608-4-1 spent on the construction of Road No. 14 between [illegible]analoor and Shevagunga. For the remainder, particulars are not given by the Collector.

REVISED PA[illegible] II.

Repairs to be executed out of the District Road Fund at th[illegible] disposal of the Collector of Madura, for 1868-69.

Executive division of district.	No.	Locality.	Repairs. Descriptions.	Amount of estimate.	[illegible]mputed [illegible]xpenditure up to 31st March 1868.	Amount required in 1868-69. By P. W. D.	By R. D.	Total.	Allotment in the preceding year's Budget.	Remarks and References.
			Communications.							
			Maintenance between Pallumpatty and Periacolum.	...	...	...	2,500	2,500	...	In the Repair List of the Original Budget.
			Do. on the Andipatty Pass	...	...	...	700	700	...	Do.
			Pulney Hill roads.	...	...	...	2,000	2,000	...	Do.
			Road from Pambaur to Kristnama Naiken Tope.	...	...	...	250	250	...	Do.
			Do. from Dindigul to Butlagoondoo ...	...	...	...	2,000	2,000	...	Do.
			Do. from Madura to Sheccanurani... ...	...	...	1,500	...	1,500	} ...	Do.
								180		
			Blasting and removing rocks on Periacolum ghauts.	...	...	1,500	...	1,500	...	Do.
			Sirumalai ghaut...	...	...	800	500	1,300	...	Do.
			Oosslampatty to Tirumangalum	...	...	1,000	...	1,000	} ...	Do.
								180		
			Periacolum, via Poombadai to Pulney ...	...	...	500	...	500	} ...	Do.
								180		
			Petty repairs	...	...	1,000	2,000	3,000	...	Do.
			Repairing road from Dindigul to Butlagoondoo.	...	...	...	400	400	...	
			Do. bridges on roads from Dindigul to Caroor (3), Trichinopoly (8), and Butlagoondoo (4), and Palanooth to Ammayanaikanoor (14).	...	...	...	500	500	...	
			Total *Communications*...	...	...	6,300	10,850	17,690	...	
			Miscellaneous Public Improvements.							
			Repairing and digging wells	...	...	...	200	200	...	In the Original Budget.
			Repairs to markets and pettahs	...	...	...	500	500	...	
			Grand Total...	...	...	6,300	11,550	18,390	...	

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20th January 1869.

No. 331. From the Executive Engineer in charge of the Superintending Engineer's Office, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 16th December 1868, No. 2,117.

1. I have just received the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 8,582, of the 7th instant, submitting a Revised Budget* of the Road Fund for the current year, and I have the honor to request that consideration may be given to this letter before the revised allotments are sanctioned.

* For Madura District.

2. The Collector of Madura wrote to this Office in September, that a revision of the Road Fund Budget was proposed; and I told him, in reply, that I would see what could be done to stop expenditure, but that I did not expect to be able to make as much reduction as he contemplated.

3. On looking into the accounts up to date, and ascertaining that the work already executed was valued at much more than the proposed allotments, I represented to the Collector that, on the strength of the sanctioned Budget, this Department had entered on engagements with Contractors for a specified amount of work, so that we could not now withhold the promised payments, and I stated that it was most desirable, that, if possible, the sanctioned allotments should not be altered.

4. Not hearing more of the matter, a few days ago I authorized Range Officers to expend the greater portion of the Budget grant. My impression was, that the deficiency of funds arose from the Road Cess not coming in, and as this was likely to be remedied, I felt it advisable to proceed with expenditure, on the grounds, that in one direction work was suspended, and consequently deteriorating; in another quarter, work was actually done, and payment was deferred; in a third case, there was a good deal of money to spend, and, if work was not pushed on, there would be an unexpended balance at the end of the year.

5. I will furnish a Statement, as soon as I can, shewing what amount of money is necessarily required in the current year; and I think there will be no difficulty in providing it by an alteration of the allotments now proposed.

Item No. 5 of Revised Part I. gives Rupees 17,000 for four Sections of Road No. XII. against Rupees 50,000 in the Original Budget, and this makes a reduction of Rupees 33,000.

Items 7, 8, and 9 provide Rupees 40,000 for three roads, on which the Collector may have made some expenditure, but from which I believe 22,000 for items 7 and 8 must be available, and certainly 8,000 Rupees from Item 9, this latter amount being an increase on the previous allotment (belonging to the Revenue Department) only now proposed. I may still withhold about 5,000 Rupees out of the four allotments making up the Rupees 50,000, but would much rather have the full sum expended.

6. In paragraph 9 of their Proceedings, the Board request the Collector to obtain estimates for two roads, Items 7 and 8, for which they allot Rupees 12,000 and Rupees 10,000, and I think this bears very hard upon the Public Works Department. If estimates were framed with all despatch, they could not pass through my Office; the Collector's, and the Board's, and receive sanction till very near the end of the year; while again, a reduction of funds proposed some months after the

beginning of the year may be not at all feasible. There is no reason why the work of new roads should not be completed on moderate grants of funds in the first six months of a year, and a great blow would be dealt to the contract system, if money once promised, is afterwards withdrawn.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

21st December 1868.

No. 332. From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Palamcottah, 9th January 1869, No. 2,268:—

1. With reference to my letter, No. 2,117, of the 16th ultimo, I have the honor to report, that, on comparing the expenditure with the larger grants from Local Funds for roads in the Madura District, I find there is no appreciable reduction to be made from the amount sanctioned in the Budget, except that a sum of Rupees 3,000 is held in reserve from the grant of Rupees 10,000 for the road between Nuttum and Dindigul, (Item No. 354 in the Imperial Budget,) and the amount of Item No. 356, Rupees 6,000, road between Pulney and Kodakanel, is also available, as no estimate has been made, and there has been no expenditure.

The Range Officer has been anxious to have authority to expend the sanc- [illegible] tment of Rupees 10,000 on the Nuttum and Dindigul road; and I beg [illegible] grant may be left untouched, as well as the other grants for new works, excepting only the 6,000 Rupees for the Pulney Ghaut.

Under repairs again, no reduction can be made except in the item for petty repairs Rupees 5,000, from which Rupees 2,930 remain at present unappropriated; but estimates have been prepared and are awaiting sanction from this source.

2. In the revised Budget, Part I—

		RS.
The amount given to this Department is		82,640
The sanctioned amount is	92,882	
And if the amount for the Pulney Ghaut be deducted, viz.	6,000	
There remains		86,882
Difference		4,242

In Part II. Revised—

The amount allotted to repairs is	6,300
And the grants already made amount to	11,470
Difference	5,170

So that the total excess of original sanction above the proposed revised grant is 9,412

No. 8,582, of 7th December 1868.

3. The Revenue Board in paragraph 2 shew that the net over estimate of Local Funds is really only Rupees 5,000, and in paragraph 14, the original

Budget is shewn to be reduced by Rupees 23,160, the difference between Rupees 2,06,780, and Rupees 1,83,620, so that there would appear to be an ample margin from which to provide the Rupees 9,412 required in this Department as shewn above.

Hence I trust that the Government will be pleased to allow their previous allotments of funds to hold good still. I cannot, at this late date, make arrangements to carry out the programme in the Revised Part I., and the money already paid out in excess of the reduced grants cannot possibly be refunded, unless the Government were to allot the amount from Imperial Funds.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

14th January 1869.

No. 333. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1869, No. 159.

Local Funds, No. 8.
Account.

Resolved that the letters from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, above recorded, be referred to the Board of Revenue for their remarks.

(True Extract.)

J. H. Dalyell

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 20*th.*

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Madura Road Fund Budget for 1868-69.—Letters from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, on this subject, referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks.

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To The Superintending Engr.
8th Division

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Nos. 584 & 585

Road fund Budget for 1868-69

Pro. Revn. Depd. referring, for remarks, to the B.E. of Revd. letter from the Supy. Engr. of the 8th Dn. suggesting certain alterations in the allotments proposed in the revised Road Fund

Fund Budget for 1868-69 of the Madura Dt. and other Off. concerned